(c) Provisions have already been made under MM(D&R) Act, 1957 under Section 23(C) by giving power to the State Governments to make rules for preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals. For prevention of illegal mining, various State Governments have constituted task forces at State level. Further, State Governments have flying squads to check illegal mining activities at district level.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Loans to minorities

1416. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many banks have designated a number of Muslims, minorities concentrated areas as negative or red zones where they do not give loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to rectify this anomally?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS {SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) As advised by the Banking division of Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India has issued instructions to all the scheduled commercial banks to ensure that minorities receive an equitable share of credit and Lead Banks have been requested to keep this in view while preparing district credit plans.

Schemes under New 15 Point Programmes for Minorities

1417. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK:
SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any schemes under the new 15 Point Programme for Minorities;

(b) if so, the details of each of these schemes; and